

Rewrite the paragraph which begins on page 3, line 25 as follows:

A<sup>3</sup> --The present invention provides new formulations for the controlled release of melatonin that are able to "mimic" the physiological pattern of melatonin in the peripheral blood. The new formulations are designed to initially release melatonin quickly at first and thereafter slowly and gradually. The invention provides controlled release formulations as, medicines and nutritional or health food supplements for the treatment of sleep disturbances.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Figure 1 is a graphical depiction of the plasma profile and the saliva profile obtained in vivo by the administration of a formulation of the invention containing 1 mg of melatonin in the cortex coating and 2mg of melatonin in the nucleus of the tablet.--

A<sup>4</sup> Page 4, line 1, insert DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Rewrite the paragraph that begins on page 8, line 7 as follows:

A<sup>5</sup> --A non-limiting example of the unit formulation for the formation of the nucleus is:

granulate (from above)	68mg
hydroxypropylmethylcellulose	31mg
lactose	75mg
aerosil 200	0.35mg
Mg stearate	1.65mg--

Rewrite the paragraph that begins on page 8, line 17 as follows:

--A nonrestrictive example of the formulation in solution for the "cortex" is:

melatonin	2.7%
hydroxypropylmethylcellulose	8.8%